

June 16, 1989

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FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg *DWH*

RE: Field Inspection, Hecla Mining Company, Apex Mine,  
M/053/004, Washington County, Utah

On June 14, 1989, Wayne Hedberg visited the Apex Mine site. Purpose of the inspection was to familiarize myself with the current state of mine development and associated surface disturbance.

I met Mr. Ronald W. Guill on site. He is subcontracting for Hecla to refurbish the mine site. The mine site was damaged last summer/fall following an intense thunder storm. Some of the surface facilities had been buried by a minor mud/tailings slide.

Mr. Guill was working to clean up the site and repair damaged equipment. Work crews were constructing a chain-link retaining structure on the steep hill slope behind the mine site facilities area. ~~Mr. Guill also indicated they would be constructing a 30' high retaining wall at the base of the slide area~~ to help prevent future problems of a similar nature from occurring.

The subcontractor was also in the process of constructing a diversion channel on the same hill slope to divert any potential, future flooding and debris flows away from the mine facilities area.

Several pictures were taken of the current state of operations. Mr. Guill indicated that, to his knowledge, Hecla Mining Company was hoping to have the mill operational by the fall (October/November) 1989 and to recommence actual underground mining at the Apex Mine in the spring of 1990. No environmental problems of significance were noted during this onsite inspection.

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